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August 20, 2009

Mr. Robert Wyatt  
Northwest Natural & Chairman, Lower Willamette Group  
220 Northwest Second Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97209

Re: Portland Harbor Superfund Site; Administrative Order on Consent for Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study; Docket No. CERCLA-10-2001-0240 – Portland Harbor Remedial Action Objectives

Dear Mr. Wyatt:

On August 7, 2009, EPA directed the Lower Willamette Group (LWG) to incorporate a set of prescribed RAOs into the draft feasibility study (FS) for the Portland Harbor site. In your letter dated August 19, 2009, the LWG provided a series of clarifying questions and requested a follow-up meeting with EPA Project Managers and legal counsel. You also requested an extension of the 14-day deadline for initiating formal dispute resolution on EPA's RAO direction to allow time for EPA to respond to your clarifying questions and to hold the proposed follow-up meeting.

EPA believes it is in the best interests of the project to have a meeting to discuss the RAOs further as long as the discussion is focused on the eight specific questions contained in your August 19, 2009 letter. As a result, EPA grants the requested extension. As proposed in your letter, the new deadline shall be established as 14 days following our upcoming meeting.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Chip Humphrey at (503) 326-2678 or Eric Blischke (503) 326-4006. All legal inquiries should be directed to Lori Cora at (206) 553-1115.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chip Humphrey", is written over a horizontal line.

Chip Humphrey  
Eric Blischke  
Remedial Project Managers

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